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MINNESOTA CORN, SOYBEAN, AND SUGARBEET PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

CORN production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 2 percent from last year's record production level of 1.29 billion bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 165 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month, and down 12 bushels from last year's record yield of 177 bushels per acre. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 7.65 million, are up 5 percent from last year. If realized, this harvested area will be the second largest on record behind 2007.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 292 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month's forecast, but down 11 percent from last year. Soybean yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month's forecast, but down 4 bushels from 2010. Acres for harvest, at 7.11 million, are down 3 percent from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is forecast at 9.47 million tons, down 9 percent from last month and down 19 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 20.5 tons per acre, down 6.1 tons per acre from last year's record yield of 26.6 tons per acre. Acres for harvest are up 5 percent from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August but down 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.7 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher in the Central Great Plains and along much of the Atlantic Coast. If realized, the forecasted yield in Nebraska will be a record high. Yield forecasts are below last month across the Southern Great Plains and portions of the Southeast as hot, dry conditions persisted during August. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August but down 4 percent from 2010.

Sugarbeets: Production of sugarbeets for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 29.2 million tons, down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, a decrease of 3.4 tons from last year. Much of the growing region has experienced less than ideal growing conditions. Wet weather coupled with reports of disease and hail damage resulted in reduced yields from the previous forecast in half of the reporting States. Minnesota, which accounts for 32 percent of the total United States production, is forecasting 891 thousand tons less than the previous forecast, which if realized will be a 19 percent drop from last year's final production.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 2010 AND FORECASTED SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

COMMODITY	2010 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2011 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2010 YIELD	2011 YIELD	2010 PRODUCTION (000)	2011 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	7,300	7,650	177.0	165.0	1,292,100	1,262,250
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,310	7,110	45.0	41.0	328,950	291,510
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	441	462	26.6	20.5	11,731	9,471
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	81,446	84,388	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,497,070
SOYBEANS (Bu)	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.8	3,329,341	3,085,340
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,155.7	1,207.6	27.6	24.2	31,901	29,180